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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

South Dakota National Guard announces death of Guard member

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A member of the South Dakota Army National Guard died today from injuries received in a work-related accident that took place Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Combined Surface Maintenance Shop in Mitchell, S.D.

The Guard member was transported by ambulance to Mitchell's Avera Queen of Peace Hospital yesterday evening for a head injury and was later airlifted to the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending the notification of next-of-kin.

An investigation is currently being conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

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